

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for her courtesy in discussing the application by telephone. In response to the Advisory Action dated July 13, 2006, Applicants are amending the application to cancel the method claims and to amend the compound claims as previously discussed with the examiner. Applicants believe that the application now is in condition for allowance and request entry and consideration of this amendment.

Claims 1-20, 23-35, 46-52 and 60-64 are pending. The response filed by Applicants June 14, 2006 has not been entered. Claims 1-10, 12-20 and 23 were examined in the Office Action and stand rejected at this time.

Applicants note with appreciation that the rejections of claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, claim 10 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) and claims 1-4, 12-14, 17 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) are withdrawn.

Claim 18 is rejected under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) because it is dependent upon claim 1 but recites structures not encompassed by claim 1. Applicants have amended this claim to delete structures I(v), I(w), I(y) and I(gg) as noted by the Examiner. Structure I(aa) also is deleted in view of amendments made to claim 1

herein. Applicants therefore submit that this rejection has been overcome and respectfully request its withdrawal.

Claims 1-10, 12-20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,927,815 (hereafter "DeLuca"). The Office Action states that the DeLuca reference would have rendered it obvious to the skilled person to make compounds according to the generic formula of the claim wherein one of R⁶ or R⁷ is an alkyl group. This conclusion is based on disclosure in DeLuca at column 4.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 16 and 18 herein. In claims 1 and 16, the definition of R⁶ or R⁷ is amended to delete recitation of C₁₋₄ alkyl. The claims therefore read (in part): "R⁶ or R⁷ are both H or are taken together to form a C₃₋₆cycloalkyl ring." Claim 12, directed to compounds of claim 1 wherein R⁶ and R⁷ may be methyl, is canceled and claim 18 is amended to delete the recitation of structure I(aa). These claims no longer encompass compounds wherein R⁶ or R⁷ is an alkyl group. Applicants would like to draw the Examiner's attention to the specification at page 18, lines 16-17 for support for the amendment to claims 1 and 16.

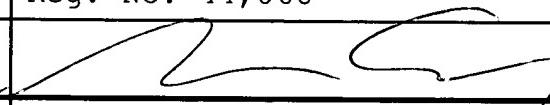
Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments made herein overcome the rejection because compounds wherein R⁶ or R⁷ are both H or together form a cycloalkyl ring are not taught or

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even suggested by DeLuca. Applicants therefore request allowance of claims 1-10, 13-20 and 23.

With respect to the withdrawn claims, Applicants also request that claim 11 (drawn to a non-elected compound species) be rejoined at this time and allowed along with claims 1-10, 13-20 and 23. Claims 24-67 now are canceled.

Applicants earnestly request favorable consideration and allowance of all pending claims, as amended, at this time. Should the Examiner believe that any issue remains outstanding she is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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